

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 75 percent of durum wheat has been harvested compared with 71 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty-two percent of barley has been harvested compared with 77 percent last year. Forty-five percent of the cotton crop has reached the squaring stage compared with 63 percent last year, and 10 percent has reached the setting bolls stage compared with 19 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central and Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed melons and watermelons. Also, some other district growers shipped dry onions. In the Northeastern and South Central part of the State, range condition continue to decline. There are fire restrictions in several areas. Producers are supplement feeding and hauling water for livestock daily. In the North Central part of the State, range conditions are very poor. Surface water is essentially non-existent and some wells are depleted. In the Northwestern part of the State, range conditions are extremely dry. Water of any kind is limited at best and mostly non-existent. Useful soil moisture is all but depleted. For the week ending on June 24th, no significant precipitation was reported at any station. Twenty-nine of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 117 degrees at Mohave, and the lowest was 37 degrees at Flagstaff.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested	82	77	77	71
Cotton				
Squaring	45	30	63	59
Setting Bolls	10	NA	19	15
Durum wheat				
Harvested	75	60	71	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.7	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	1	8	NA
Short.....	18	14	13	NA
Adequate.....	76	82	79	NA
Surplus.....	2	3	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	--	10	NA
Short.....	17	16	10	NA
Adequate.....	77	81	80	NA
Surplus.....	2	3	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	6	3	1	2
Fair.....	24	23	14	15
Good.....	40	48	42	43
Excellent.....	30	26	43	37
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	6	2	3	1
Fair.....	41	50	8	14
Good.....	43	41	75	57
Excellent.....	10	7	14	27
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	63	58	3	23
Poor.....	27	29	19	19
Fair.....	7	7	29	32
Good.....	3	6	37	23
Excellent.....	--	--	12	3

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Arizona’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-06242018.pdf

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